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826-9464 EVES WEEKENDS

Controversy Lingers On

By David Webb

Anger and hostility were the attitudes of most community residents who met with city official, Lou Blazej, at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House last November 15.

The residents' anger stemmed from controversy surrounding the Wisconsin Site, also known as the Starr King Park site.

The site, a 10.8 acre parcel of land owned by the city Real Estate Department, has collected an unhealthy and dangerous accumulation of refuse, broken foundations and rodents. City apathy and lack of community awareness has aggravated the problem.

Starr King Park is a former temporary housing de-

velopment established during World War II by the Housing Authority, then relinquished by that agency to the city of San Francisco in 1970. The site is bound north to south by 23rd and 26th Sts., and east to west from DeHaro to Wisconsin Streets. Any decision to develop the area is determined by the Board of Supervisors.

Since the release of the Wisconsin Street Housing Study in 1968, residents have struggled with city officials for a sensible solution. The study recommended that the site be given or sold at a modest price for non-profit cooperative housing and developed through

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Enola Maxwell, in the center, accepts a Senate Resolution, commending the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, from Senator Milton Marks. Onlookers include (left of Sen. Marks) Mayor George Moscone and Marylouise Lovett, President of the Neighborhood House Board of Directors.

Bob Hayes photo

Landmark View From Hill

The top of Potrero Hill, as viewed from the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, was the scene of much VIP activity, as the Nabe celebrated its official Landmark status during a week sparked by dedication services at the beginning of December.

Mayor George Moscone presented a city proclamation to the Nabe's Executive Director, Enola Maxwell, after which State Senator Milton Marks offered a Senate resolution praising the work of the Neighborhood House.

Other city officials paying homage to this event included Supervisor Robert Gonzales, City Commissioners, School Board members, and many representatives from the community.

Members of the Neighborhood House's Board of Directors and friends were on hand to welcome and guide the visitors through the building, which was granted Landmark status this past summer, and is currently in the process of renovation with capital improvement funds.

An exhibit, depicting early members of the House; a story of Julia Morgan, the building's architect; and blueprint drawings showing how the renovated areas of the building will look upon completion, are on display in the lobby at 953 De Haro Street.

At a benefit dinner later in the week, guest speaker Congresswoman Yvonne Burke gave a keynote address linking the need and role of the center to the community.

Assemblyman Art Agnos, honorary chairman, introduced other honored residents, ILWU President Jim Herman, Ruth Wellington, and Mike Samadoroff.

The festive occasion brought another host of elected officials on all levels of local and statewide positions.



Peace on Earth
Epi yis Erini Pace in Terra
Katahikan sa Mundo
Pax en la Terra Filemu ile Lalolagi
Mhp na Zeme Mir Nanyinjli

Bond Passage Aids Irrigation

Parks to Test Water System

The passage of Proposition A in last November's election will result in automatic irrigation systems being installed in the two Potrero Hill municipal parks.

Jackson Park and Potrero Hill Playground are both scheduled for implementation of the new system, which will operate at night, thus providing more hours of daytime use for Hill residents.

By watering at night, the new system will aid in the Park Department's efforts to conserve water. The automatic sprinkler system will release City gardeners for other tasks.

The Recreation & Park Department is presently awaiting a schedule for the sale of municipal bonds from the City Controller's office, which will provide necessary funds for design and construction of the irrigation systems.

Estimates, based on the square footage of the parks,

project a cost of \$70,000 for Jackson Park and \$150,000 for Potrero Hill Playground. Because these estimates are based only on the areas to be watered, the final costs are expected to vary.

PLAN Activities

Possible zoning changes, a shoreline park, and the development of a lot at Carolina and 18th Streets have kept the attention of the Potrero League of Active Neighbors (PLAN) in recent weeks. PLAN is an organization formed to enable Hill residents to have input on any major project planned for the district.

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ELECTION RESULTS VIEW'D



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Victor Medearis	179	11	2,604	29		
Cathe Smeland	679	42	1,690	19		
Robert Geary	151	9	1,158	13		
James Queen	142	9	270	3		
Claude Carpenter	11	*	185	2		
David Carter	27	2	119	1		
Davey Rosenberg	12	*	88	1		
Don Berndt	5	*	79	*		
Don Smith	19	1	73	*		

CITY ATTORNEY						
GEORGE AGNOST	544	35	3,310	38	82,431	51
Jim Reilly	370	24	3,150	36	39,846	25
Gil Graham	649	41	2,199	25	39,015	24

TREASURER						
THOMAS SCANLON	567	36	3,342	39	83,503	52
Kay Pachtner	1,110	64	5,214	61	76,352	48

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Total Votes Cast		1,690		9,804		175,279			
Registered Voters		3,378		20,019		339,306			
% Who Voted			50		49		52		

Seasons Greetings



From The View Staff

Editorial

Freedom of Expression ? Bill

A major attack on our First Amendment (freedom of expression), as well as an insidious attempt to redefine the Criminal Code, is alive and well and presently exists in the form of S. 1437.

S. 1437 is a compromise bill developed by Senators Edward Kennedy and John McClellan as a result of massive public resistance to its forerunner, S.B. 1, which was defeated after a national campaign of opposition in 1976.

A principal objection to S.B. 1 had been that it protected government from the impact of political opposition. For example, the civil rights and peace movement protests of the 1960's would have been outlawed.

S. 1437, the bill before us now, has retained some of the basic repressive measures.

Some of the new provisions fall under the broad categories of political opposition to judicial proceedings; opposition to war or defense; opposition to assemblies and demonstrations; political investigations and labor activities.

Spokespersons for the Interim Task Force, acting as Congressional watchdog say, "We see the fight against S. 1437 as a long one, and a proposed January action (now in the planning stage) as the first step in this fight."

According to Pam Ray, a member of the Interim Task Force, "this is no longer the type of bill you can say 'I am totally opposed to.' People, when writing letters, are going to have to be real specific about what they are opposing."

Ms. Ray urges citizens to write to Senators Alan Cranston and S.I. Hayakawa and tell them the specific sections of the bill that are found to be the most troublesome, asking them to study this new bill and to introduce necessary amendments when it goes to the Senate floor in early 1978. Letters are addressed to both State Senators at Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Success

Dear Editor:

I am delighted to inform you that the public meeting I convened with CAL-TRANS officials was a success.

Dept. of Transportation District Director, Thomas Lammers, has informed me of his intention to drop the proposed sound barrier project for most of Potrero Hill. He indicates however, that the residents in the area south of the foot of Vermont St. to 26th St. will be polled to determine their wishes since some of those neighbors indicated in our meeting a desire for some protection from the freeway noise.

In the future, I hope you will be free to call on me whenever I can be of service to you and the community.

Art Agnos

Sickle Cell Response

I respectfully submit that interracial marriage may be a remedy for Sickle Cell Anemia and other genetic diseases, but certainly interracial marriage is not a cure.

Al Black
Sickle Cell Counselor
Potrero Hill Health Ctr.
1050 Wisconsin St.

Appreciation

I thoroughly appreciate having a community newspaper, and I would hate to think that someday the VIEW ceased to be published simply because readers like me failed to support it. Enclosed is my check.

Sincerely yours,
June Tracy



HOLIDAY HITS FOR HUNGRY HILL-ITES!

CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

This is great for any festive, special occassion!

6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate bits
2 eggs
3 T. Grand Marnier (or any good liqueur)
3 T. strong coffee
 $\frac{1}{2}$ C. boiling milk

Combine in blender for 2 minutes. Refrigerate 2 - 4 hours in individual cups.

Susan Ettinger
Pennsylvania Avenue

SWEDISH JELLY DROPS

As a child I remember visiting my maternal grandmother who baked almost every day of her life. Although pies were her speciality, the following cookie recipe is one of my favorites. Both attractive and delicious, the cookies add to any holiday entertaining. (Gum drops are not used!)

1 c. shortening	2 c. flour
1 c. brown sugar	$\frac{1}{2}$ t. salt
2 eggs, separated	Preserves/ jam/jelly
	$1\frac{1}{2}$ c. chopped walnuts

Cream shortening and sugar. Beat in egg yolks. Combine flour and salt; add to creamed mixture. Pinch off bits of dough and roll into balls approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter. Dip into slightly beaten egg whites, roll in chopped nuts. Place on greased cookie sheet and make depression in center with thumb, carefully flattening cookie. Bake at 300 degrees F. for 25-30 minutes, until golden. (The depression in center can be remade with a measuring spoon after 20 minutes of baking, if necessary.) Remove from cookie sheet and let cool. Put about 1 t. preserves/ jam/helly in center.

Cheryl Kaye Baldwin
19th Street



CHANUKAH LATKES

In a customary tradition, this recipe has been handed down, with little or no changes, from one Jewish family to another. If it's good, why change it? Try it, you'll like it.

2 eggs	$\frac{1}{2}$ t. pepper
3 C. grated, drained potatoes	2 T. cracker or matzo
4 T. grated onions	crumbs
1 t. salt	$\frac{1}{2}$ C. fat

Beat eggs and add potatoes, onion, salt, pepper and crumbs.

Heat half the fat in frying pan and drop the potato mixture into it by the tablespoon. Fry until brown on both sides. Add more fat as needed. (Oh, the cholesterol problem well, use cautiously)

Serve with sour cream and/or applesauce. Serves 8. For more noshers, double the recipe.

Ruth Passen
Rhode Island Street

NAME THAT NANNY GOAT!

Goat Hill Pizza, now in its third year of operation, is holding a contest to name their new acquisition, a nanny goat. The prize for the winning name is a Champagne/Extra Large Pizza dinner, (or in the case of a minor winning, a Pepsi/Pizza dinner), at the restaurant in January, 1978.

Name suggestions for the young female are being accepted in person through the month of December at Goat Hill, 300 Connecticut at 18th St. There is no limit to the number of entries by an individual. Employees and their families are not eligible.

The selection of the name for the goat will be made from all entries on Dec. 31, and the decision of the judges will be final. Winner will be informed by phone.

HOT BUTTERED RUM MIX

The following recipe I obtained from a friend in Washington State some ten years ago. The drink is delicious and very good to serve during the holiday season or on cold winter nights.

Cream: 1 lb. butter
1 box. brown sugar

Mix In: 1 quart vanilla ice cream,
slightly melted

Beat In: 1 box powdered sugar
1 t. nutmeg
2 t. cinnamon

Put in containers and freeze.

TO MAKE DRINK: One jigger of rum in a mug, add 1 T. of mixture, and fill up with boiling hot water. (The mixture will store in the freezer for several months.)

Cheryl Kaye Baldwin
19th Street



EGGNOG

Reputed to be the BEST by generations of Hill dwellers!

Make at least 2 days ahead - Use glass jars or crocks with seals. Makes about 40 servings.

1 dozen eggs	1 pint rum
2 C. sugar	1 quart brandy
Freshly grated nutmeg	3 quarts heavy cream (you can
	use 2 qts. heavy cream &
	1 qt. $\frac{1}{2}$ & $\frac{1}{2}$)

Separate eggs (be sure yellow does not go into whites or they will not beat stiff).

Beat egg yolks until thick and light.

Gradually add sugar, beating constantly.

~~Still beating and starting with drops~~ gradually add rum and brandy (eggs will separate if you add too much at once).

Next, gradually fold $1\frac{1}{2}$ qts. heavy cream and 1 qt. $\frac{1}{2}$ & $\frac{1}{2}$ (save 1 pt. heavy cream to whip).

Mixture should be velvety smooth.

Whip 1 pt. heavy cream and fold in - should not be whipped too thick.

Beat egg whites until stiff and fold in.

Sprinkle freshly grated nutmeg over all.

Store in refrigerator or in cool place. (I put mine on the back porch.) Be sure tops of containers are sealed.

When ready to serve, stir well and sprinkle each serving with freshly grated nutmeg.

If too thick when ready to serve, thin with $\frac{1}{2}$ & $\frac{1}{2}$.

Eggnog will keep for a month or more.

Peggy O'Connell Ohta
Texas Street

NABE HOUSE NEWS

953 DE HARO STREET, 826-8080

(All services and activities FREE)

Enola D. Maxwell
Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: December 19th.

Open to all in the community. Bring your concerns. Every 3rd Mon., 8 PM.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES: Held Mon., Wed. & Fri. from 1 to 5 P.M. for young people. Adult evening classes open.

Bob Hayes, Instructor.

SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM: HOT LUNCHES every Mon. thru Fri., 12 P.M., Sponsors: Calif. Office of Aging and Mission Rebels. After Lunch Activities include: BINGO games every Mon. and Wed., BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS on the last Thurs. every month, INFORMATION & REFERRAL & COUNSELLING every day after lunch.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER: For Developmentally Disabled Adults. Basic Education, Cultural Enrichment, Consumer and Health Ed., Field Trips, Sensorimotor Development, Work Training, Leisure Time Use, Group and Individual Counseling. Mon. thru Fri., 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. FREE.

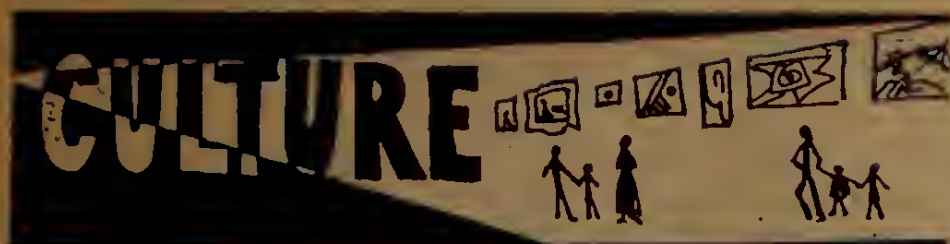
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Thurs., 8:30 P.M., Fraser Room. For more information, call Central Office, 982-4473.

PRIMITIVE DANCE: Classes are held Tues. & Fri., 4 to 6 PM. Darlene Johns, Instructor.

ARTS & CRAFTS: Children. Mon. thru Fri., 3 to 5 P.M. Sculpture, pottery, ceramics, painting, woodworking, candlemaking. Jimmy Pryor, Instructor.

SEWING, QUILTING, CROCHETING: Mon. thru Fri., 3 to 5 P.M. Joyce Joyce, Instructor.

JOB LISTINGS: See community bulletin board in lobby.



Quaint Quilts at A.I.R.

By Pat Devine

The quilt show at the A.I.R. Gallery during the month of November displayed a delightful cross-section of quilts representing the craft from the 1800's to the present. I was particularly enchanted with the older pieces and found myself being drawn into the lives and folklore of the past.

One of the first quilts that caught my eye was one from the Victorian era rendered in richly textured fabrics and arranged in the very simple Log Cabin motif. I conjured up images of this quilt gracing the elaborate bed of some lovely Victorian lady.

The Amish quilts on display, "Amish Nine Patch" and "Amish Triangle Star," were exquisite pieces done in sensitive, subtle earth tones. When I looked at these beautiful works of art I realized what a highly developed aesthetic sense these women had despite their working under the very harsh limits of their environment. The caption next to one of the pieces read "There are no extras on Amish quilts."

This sense of utilitarianism was a theme evident in many of the pieces on display.

Della Ballard's quilt "Pink & Cream" was another lesson in the strict practicality of the craft. Lorena Ballard, her daughter, revealed that the cream colored material came from the trimmings of material used in an aircraft factory in San Diego during World War II. Della Ballard started quilting when she was very young. She used scraps of material to put together bed covers to provide warmth during the midwestern winters. She is now 86 years old and is still quilting.

The pieces done by Ruth Helen Fedrau also reflect the utilitarian nature of the craft. She was born in Kansas of Mennonite parents. Her daughter stated, "Quilts were made by my mother as a part of a family and religious tradition. Each child received a quilt when he or she married. She also made some for the grandchildren. All were made from scraps of clothing worn by the child." She stated further that quilting was a source of relaxation for her mother and it gave her a great deal of satisfaction to be able to give her children something as a "gedanknis" memory of her.

According to gallery curator Penny Blair, many people have found pieces of quilting that have been started by someone in their families but never finished. This prompts an active interest in the craft. For example, one piece on display was found by a Hill resident in the basement of a house on which he was working. He now intends to finish this piece which was started in the traditional "Wedding Ring" motif.

This quilt exhibition was personally significant for Ms. Blair. She stated that it represented for her, and put her in touch with, the common lives of women.

This was an outstanding exhibition and A.I.R. should be commended for it. According to Ms. Blair, it is hoped that the quilt show will spark interest in the creation of a community quilt. Anyone interested in participating in such a project may contact Ms. Blair at 626-6430 for more information.

Nanny Goat's Christmas

Nanny Goat Hill Gallery will present "The Third Annual Members Christmas Show" Dec. 1 through Jan. 29, Fri., Sat., and Sun., 12-5 PM, excluding holidays.

An opening party will be held at the gallery on Fri., Dec. 16 at 7:30 PM.

For further information, call Greg DeLory at 647-5323 or Jim Lind, 824-4636.

Nanny Goat Hill Gallery is at 3205 Folsom St., one door up from the Bernal Heights Cafe.

Las Posadas Fiesta

The traditional Las Posadas Fiesta will be presented by the Galeria De la Raza, Sat., Dec. 17. The events include: a Christmas Fiesta for children, with pinatas at 4 PM, and a concert of Christmas music for adults at 7 PM. All activities take place at the Galeria, 2851 24th St.

Las Posadas is the Mexican celebration of the search by Joseph and Mary for lodgings on Christmas Eve.

Featured will be the Coro Hispana which is a Mission District, Spanish-speaking community chorus.

Troika Balalaika To Perform

Dedicated to preserving authentic Bulgarian music, Troika Balalaika will perform at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St., Tues., Dec. 20, at 11:30 AM.

Troika Balalaika began performing in a Berkeley restaurant, using a variety of exotic instruments. The program will be of special interest to Potrero Hill seniors who come from diverse ethnic backgrounds, with a great percentage being of Russian descent.

Contact Yvonne Arnesen for more information at 431-2224.

Poets in Print Show

Fine printing and poetry readings will be featured at the Lone Mountain College Art Gallery beginning Dec. 5 and continuing through Dec. 23.

Titled "Poets in Print," the show will highlight recent Bay Area letterpress printing and hand bookbinding in conjunction with readings by the poets whose work will be on display.

The gallery is located at 2800 Turk St.

Bay Artists Featured

The African American Historical and Cultural Society will present the internationally acclaimed Jacob Lawrence and 21 distinguished Bay Area artists in an exhibition of prints and drawings through Dec. 31.

Lawrence, now a professor at the University of Washington at Seattle, was recently the subject of a touring retrospective exhibition organized by the Whitney Museum.

Bay region artists to be shown are Marie Johnson, the late Sargent Johnson, Casper Banjo, Cleveland Bellows, Arthur Caraway, Robert Cole-scott, Michael Green, Dewey Crumpler, Harri Thomas, Horace Washington, Leslie Price, James Reid, Caleb Williams, Jimmie Evans, Carole Ward-Allen, Mary O'Neal, Oliver Jackson, Margo Humphrey, David Bradford, Ray Holbert, and Claude Clarke, Jr.

The newly remodeled AAHCS Gallery is located at 680 McAllister St. in San Francisco. Gallery hours are Tues. through Sat. from 1 to 5 PM.

For information, phone Arthur Monroe at 864-1010.

LIBRARY NEWS



Brenda Bernu

POTRERO BRANCH
1616 20th Street

MON.	CLOSED
TUE.	10 am to NOON 1 pm to 6 pm
WED.	1 pm to 9 pm
THUR.	1 pm to 6 pm
FRI.	1 pm to 6 pm
SAT.	1 pm to 6 pm

The library will be closed Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 2, 1978. Happy Holidays!

Programs For Children

Thurs., Dec. 15, 2 - 4 PM:
Make Your Own Holiday Decorations.

Sat., Dec. 17, 2 - 4 PM:
Make Your Own Holiday Decorations.

Tues., Dec. 20, 2 - 5 PM:
Help Us Decorate Our Christmas Tree.

Wed., Dec. 21, 2 PM:
Holiday Storytime for Pre-Schoolers.

Jan. 19, 3 & 4 PM: Puppet Shows.

Tues., Jan. 31: Movies,
10 AM & 3:30 PM. Call library for titles.

Adult Programs

Wed., Dec. 28, 7:30 PM:
Film, "Tupamaros." This 50 min. color film is a documentary on the Uruguayan urban guerilla movement. It was filmed partly by the Tupamaros and developed in clandestine laboratories.

Wed., Jan. 11, 7:30 PM:
Film, "Calcutta." The final segment of Louis Malle's provocative nine hour documentary study of India. Malle has stated that his Indian experience profoundly changed his life. Malle's India is one seen through a perceptive, albeit Gallic prism.

Toe Tapping Tiny Tots

The Margaret Jenkins Dance Studio has scheduled an open dance workshop for 6 to 8 year old children Tues., Dec. 13 from 4:30 - 5:30 PM at 115 Wisconsin (at 16th St.)

Anyone interested is invited to observe, and talk to the instructors. The workshop will cover technique and composition.

Teacher Helen Dannenberg, who has taught children's dance classes throughout the Bay Area and New York, is assisted by Andrea Hicks and Laura Salvia.

Refreshments will be served. Phone number is 863-7580, for more info.

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NEXT PRESENTS GERMAN PLAY

The Julian Theatre will present three performances of a workshop production of West German playwright Botho Strauss' "The Hypochondriacs" in December. Under the sponsorship of the Goethe Institute of Munich and San Francisco, "The Hypochondriacs" is being translated for this U.S. premiere by Robert Goss of Oakland, who conscripted with Carl Weber, Bertolt Brecht's "The Messingkauf Dialogues" at Epic West.

Performances of "The Hypochondriacs" will be presented as part of the Julian Theatre's NEXt (New and Experimental Theatre) Series at 3 PM on Sat. and Sun., Dec. 10 and 11 at the Julian's home in the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St., and again in the Lurie Room of the Main Branch of the S.F. Public Library, Larkin at McAllister, on Wed., Dec. 14, at 7 PM.

Admission to the Potrero Hill performances is \$1.50 donation.

"The Hypochondriacs" is on the surface a murder mystery, set in Amsterdam in 1901.

Director of the play is Julian founder Richard Reineccius, who, with the cast and translator, will conduct post-performance discussions with interested audience members at all three shows, Dec. 10, 11 and 14.

THE CITY WILL CONTINUE

By Susan Ettinger

"In the Jungle of the Cities," November's play at the Julian Theatre, is the story of the tangled, violent, beautiful jungle of wills in man's cities. The city is Chicago, the year 1912, the clash is between Shlink, the Malay lumber dealer and Goerge Garga, an idealistic young library clerk. In the course of the evening your morals are re-examined, men will die, women will fall, the city will continue.

The Julian Theatre did an excellent job adapting the script from Bertolt Brecht's original manuscript and several translations. Under the direction of Richard Reineccius, they perfectly recreated the fantasy-like world Brecht described in his play. From the moment the Green Man slithers delightfully from under a tarp to narrate, you are captivated by the totality of the drama. This feeling of captivity was enhanced by brilliant staging, putting actors on planks above the audience and utilizing the startling scenery of Potrero Hill in a dazzling final scene.

The play itself is an examination of man's cosmic loneliness. Shlink attempts to overcome the separateness he feels from mankind by finding an ultimate hatred. To this end he attempts to destroy Garga, one man whom he knows will put up a good fight. Garga and Shlink battle violently in the most metaphysical sense as Garga

A WINNER: MEDAL OF HONOR RAG

By Lisa Gershater

Once again, the Julian Theatre has presented a contemporary work of far-reaching significance.

From "Medal of Honor Rag" by Tom Cole, emerges the real-life tragedy of a soldier, Dwight Johnson (called Dale Jackson, or D.J. in the play), who has returned from a brief but traumatic experience in combat for which he received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Playwright Cole magnifies the nature and complexity of heroism, as it is revealed in this man's history.

Before being awarded the honor of the medal, D.J. was "...just another invisible spade, waiting on line and getting shit on just for being there!"

The tragic irony of Johnson's death moves one to realize the dilemma of so many young men who were commissioned to engage in a war of which they had little or no understanding.

In contrast to the aftermath of World War II, with each returning soldier himself a hero, the veterans of the Vietnam war returned one by one...no banners waving, nor handshake of thanks. There were no heroes.

The Julian provides these jarring statistics:

"The Vietnam War was ended by a Presidential Proclamation dated May 7, 1975. This same proclamation fixed



Lewis Brown and John Henry Doyle co-star in the Julian Theatre's West Coast premiere of "Medal of Honor Rag," a one-act play.

Allen Nomora photo

the period of the Vietnam War as beginning on August 5, 1964. In October, 1976, it was disclosed by the Veteran's Administration that 101,000 honorably discharged veterans have died since returning to civilian life. Current estimates place this figure at 155,000. According to the V.A., principal causes of death among these vets have been by drug overdose, one-car accidents, and suicide.

These post-war casualty figures do not include those veterans who received bad paper discharges, and for whom no records have been kept.

The total number of deaths directly attributable to combat in Vietnam is 46,520."

D.J. is representative of countless persons who are cynical of receiving help, crying out for help, yet barring themselves from help. It is indeed a vicious cycle.

Cole's use of circular dialogue, and the acting in general, illustrate this fact, and create a one-act play that is moving and entirely believable.

The drama is enacted in an office at Valley Forge Army Hospital. Under the direction of Brenda Reineccius, John Henry Doyle's sensitive treatment of the character, D.J., is highly applaudable, especially with the intensity of emotional changes that occur within the 90 minutes of performance.

With hardly a detectable flaw, Doyle travels easily between displays of anger, agony, and mocking wit. At one point his interaction with the psychiatrist almost moved me to tears.

Lewis Brown portrays the civilian psychiatrist, a specialist in the "impacted grief" of Vietnam vets. He is well-intentioned, and anxious to make progress in this "special case," but is ultimately ineffective. Brown transcends smoothly from early awkwardness through the ensuing intensely emotional session with D.J., to his concluding soliloquy.

The two principal characters support each other magnificently, even when the presence of Marc Passen, as the stereotypical military policeman (M.P.), disrupts their "60-minute" session. Passen certainly fits the role well. He stands out understandably yet obtrusively within the atmosphere of the doctor's office.

Ms. Reineccius has done a fine directorial job. Furthermore, the technical aspects of the Julian Theatre production were excellent, including a convincing set, good graphics and sound-track, and a flute/percussion solo by Larry Walker.

It is a thoroughly engaging, entertaining, and provocative play; in critics' lingo, a "must-see."

Responding to the Julian Theatre's invitation, Tom Cole, the author, was present at the West Coast premiere of his first play, and received assorted questions and comments from members of the audience. Cole said he was pleased with the production, and felt the play was at home in a theatre and community such as ours.

Performances of "Medal" are at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings through December 30, with the exception of Dec. 24 and 25. There will also be a showing on Monday, Dec. 12.

The Julian is located in the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St. Admission is \$3 on Thursday and Sunday, \$3.50 on Friday and Saturday, \$2.50 for seniors, students and unemployed persons.

For information call 647-8098.

Free Concerts

The Cathedral Concert Series at Grace Cathedral will present two free concerts in December.

On December 18 at 4 PM the 30th Annual Christmas Concert will be sung by the Cathedral Choir of Boys & Men, and a Festival of Lessons and Carols will be presented by the choir on Dec. 24 at the 3:30 PM Service.

The concerts are under the direction of John Fenstermaker. Grace Cathedral is located at 1051 Taylor St.

attempts to retain his aloneness in a world suddenly gone mad. He refuses to accept responsibility for any life other than his own, but for his own life he claims sole responsibility.

The part of Garga was sensitively and often humorously played by David Parr. His performance, and that of T. Ross playing his sister Mary, were the shining lights of the play. Unfortunately Jim Orin seemed a bit too stiff in his role as Shlink, making Malay into almost a caricature of himself. Wayne Paul Mattingly as the Coreen Man deserved raves, and the rest of the supporting cast, Karen Seriguchi as Skinny, Audrey Ferber as Jan Larry, Lewis Brown and Steve Henry all contributed to a successful play.



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A Doctor's Opinion

National Health Insurance

By Dr. Sheldon Minkin.

National health insurance in some form will be legislatively enacted within the next four years. I believe that the models which have been proposed should not be adopted. The focus of health care should be on the problems of containing costs, raising health levels, and distributing facilities and services equitably.

In 1961 the federal budget was \$97.8 billion. This year the federal budget is a whopping \$413 billion, more than four times greater than it was 16 years ago. During this time, our population has increased 20%, and the inflation index has increased 89%. Taking this population and inflation into account, this still does not justify a budget increase of 412%.

Does anyone really believe that we are getting four times greater service from the government today than we did 16 years ago? The government has promised too much and delivered too little. People have been led to believe that government itself should, can and will solve all problems, when in fact it can't.

The government has already caused the bankruptcy of Social Security, the postal system, and the VA hospitals. Aside from that, the level of services provided by these government-run agencies has deteriorated, in spite of massive infusions of public funds, and now the 95th Congress would have us believe that they have the expertise to administer national health insurance.

Unfortunately, the problems of health care are very real and must be solved; but it is apparent that government is not the most effective problem solver, and, most importantly, we the taxpayers, who really pay for everything the government does, have reached the point where we cannot afford to have government try to provide all the solutions by itself.

More in future issues.

Community Grievances Aired

At a well attended Police Community Relations meeting at the Southeast Police Station last Nov. 15, citizens from Potrero Hill, Bayview and Hunter's Point aired specific and general grievances before Captain Robert McFarland and Officers Mike Mahoney and Kenneth Wheeler.

Complaints ranged from illegal parking and littered streets, to street drug sales and floating gambling games. Each complaint was noted by Officer Mahoney, with a promise of prompt action in many cases.

The police were complimented for handling problems which had been raised at previous meetings.

Officer Mahoney announced that burglary and theft in the Southeast District declined in November for the second month in a row. Captain McFarland announced the activation of a station plainclothes unit since last Oct. 31.

Captain McFarland also reported a unit of the Police Department's decoy program is presently operating in the Bayview area.

Police Community Relations meetings are designed around the idea that an informed police department is better able to serve community needs.

Myrtle Spruell, chairperson of the meetings, urged all concerned residents of the Southeast District to attend the meetings to state any complaints, comments, or suggestions. "The larger the group, the louder we speak," Ms. Spruell said. "We'll take our problems and protests all the way to the Hall of Justice if we have to."

Residents of Potrero Hill should know that the Hill has a new community relations officer, Kenneth Wheeler. Formerly assigned to Hunter's Point and Bayview, Wheeler has had his duties expanded to Potrero Hill, and now handles police community relations for the entire Southeast District.

Police Community Relations meetings are held at 7 PM in the Southeast Station at Third and 20th Sts., the third Tues. of each month, with the exception of Dec.

For more information, call 553-9111 and ask for the Southeast Station.

Gay Crime Study

The first study of unreported crimes against San Francisco's gays is being conducted by the San Francisco Study Center.

The study, which will document verifiable case histories of victims and witnesses to gay harassment, has been designed under the consultation of the Gay Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Commission.

During the past four months 50 incidents of violence against gays have been reported to the Human Rights Commission. The Police Department currently does not keep statistics on crimes against gays, because it is difficult to determine whether the victim of an incident is gay. Gay leaders feel that many crimes go unreported, because gays fear police harassment.

For six months the Study Center will collect case histories of the incidents, and then analyze the data.

The San Francisco Study Center is an independent community organization which researches issues for neighborhood and community organizations.

The Study Center requests victims of crimes against gays to phone 626-1650, or write 1095 Market St., # 620, S.F., 94101.

Job Help In Trades

Construction jobs have traditionally been closed to minority applicants, so a city-wide group, the San Francisco Coalition, is offering aid in entrance into the building trades, assistance in job placement, and advice in starting businesses in all segments of the construction industry.

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Healthy Hints For House Plants

By E. C. Milton

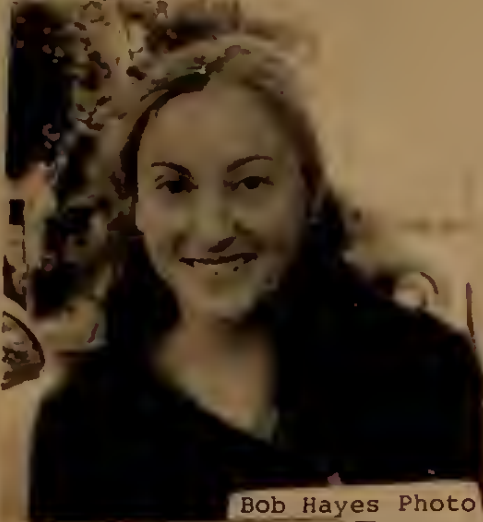
THE PLANT BOOK: A COMPLETE GUIDE TO HEALTHY HOUSE PLANTS
By Bill Henkin and Maria Vermiglio
Holt, Rinehart and Winston/New York 1977 \$11.95
(selected by Book-of-the-Month, Mother Jones Book Clubs)

"The Plant Book" is a book for the indoor gardener, beginner or old hand. Not quite an encyclopedia, it is a well written compendium of almost everything (not more than) you ever wanted to know about 150 common house plants, some of them edible; the care and feeding of same.

It is logically arranged, generously illustrated with 16 pages of photographs and almost 200 excellent drawings. Included among the usual appendices are an excellent bibliography, lists of plant societies and nurseries, as well as a plant name index which cross references commonly known and botanical names. 32 chapters provide concise information, advice and understandable instructions.

The book reflects painstaking research in its lucid writing. It is an education.

Co-author Maria Vermiglio has lived on Potrero Hill for the past seven years. Now that "The Plant Book" is finished (it was she who insisted that the edible plant section be included), she is completing work on a master's degree in political science. Her studies have had practical application through involvement with problems and concerns of Potrero Hill. She has been an outreach worker at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House; and co-founder and present coordinator of the Potrero Hill League of Active Neighbors (which is gaining momentum as Hill dwellers feel the invasion of ambitious developers). Her studies in policy analysis and land use planning, combined with her activism makes her see the necessity to humanize the profession of administrator.



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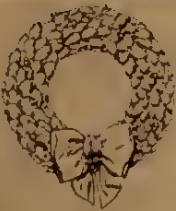
Controversy

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private sponsorship financed by the government.

Guthrie Evans, spokesperson for the meetings' sponsor, Citizens Action League, presented a proposal stating "The entire vacant area of the Wisconsin site should be left as open natural space, maintained by the Park and Recreation Department. Any plans for this area should be developed with community input."

To avert development, Blazej suggested that residents contact their district supervisor and seek his aid in defense of community needs. Residents could establish broad-based community support through petitions, letter writing and by applying pressure to the Planning Commission to change the zoning from development to recreational use.

"City officials feel that Potrero Hill already possesses too much land, but personally, I would prefer to see trees planted," Blazej said.



PLAN

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Having learned of a proposal to convert the heavily industrial triangular lot at Carolina and 18th into a mixed industrial-commercial-residential area, PLAN members met with architect William Heijn and builder Mario Brondello recently to learn more about the plan.

They feel that as currently projected, the use of the land would be carefully planned and controlled with the intent of keeping the "neighborhood quality" of Potrero. While feeling that the project appears to be innovative and "could genuinely enhance the quality of life on the Hill," PLAN is aware of the dangers inherent in any large scale, highly profitable development, and with this in mind, has arranged for further meetings with the architect and builder as the project moves ahead.

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Hill Calender of Events

DEC. 2-31: AIR Gallery, 303 Missouri, exhibit of Prints & Animated Films.

DEC. 2-30: "Medal of Honor Rag", Julian Theatre, 8 PM Thurs, thru Sun., not shown 24th & 25th.

FRI., DEC. 9: Poetry reading, AIR Gallery, 8 PM, Nanos Valaoritis, Steve Schutzman, \$1.

SAT, DEC. 10: Dinner Dance sponsored by Potrero Hill Boosters at Cargo Restaurant, \$8.50 each. For info call M. Crage, 826-6823 or R. Flynn, 826-1120.

MON.; DEC. 12: Extra showing of "Medal of Honor Rag", Julian Theatre.

WED., DEC. 14: Joint mtg. of Pot. Hill Residents & Home-owners and Pot. Hill League of Active Neighbors (PLAN). Subject: proposed State Candlestick Shoreline Park, 7:30 PM, Pot. Branch Library, Connecticut & 20th Sts.

THURS., DEC. 15: City Planning Dept.'s residential zoning reevaluation discussing the new zoning ordinance. Mark Winogram of City Planning will talk. 7:30 PM, Library.

FRI., SAT., & SUN., DEC. 16, 17 & 18: "Artaud Christmas Arts & Craft Faire", Project Artaud, 450 Florida. Fri., 1-9 PM; Sat. & Sun., 10 AM - 9 PM. 50¢.

FRI., DEC. 16: Poetry reading, AIR Gallery, 8 PM, Susan Edwards, Sybil Wood, Gabrielle Daniels, \$1.

SUN., DEC. 18: "Sunday with Neighbors", St. Teresa's Church 19th & Connecticut, 1:30 - 4 PM.

WED., DEC. 28: Library, Film - "Tupamaros". 7:30 PM.

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SPORTS



Jackson Park Flag Football

Rael's Bar thumped Vincent Shell Fish 21-8 Nov. 19 to take the Jackson Playground Adult Flag Football league championship for 1977.

Both clubs ended their seasons with identical 6-1 records with Shell Fish having an edge because of their regular season win over Rael's. But they couldn't handle an aroused Rael's Bar in the playoffs and had to be content with second place.

The San Francisco Police Department and the Bottom of the Hill Bar were the other teams represented in the playoffs.

The league began in 1972 by Jackson Playground Director David Dinslage and this year saw eight teams participating.

The teams and coaches were: Rael's Marty Armenta; Vincent Shell Fish, Ed Aman; SFPD, Ed McDonough; Bottom of the Hill Bar, Bob Clendenney; San Francisco Touch Football Assn., Mike Dunn; Wranglers, Ed Bohnert; Plantation, Tim Deus; and Daly City Flyers, Mike Furtch.

Director Dinslage and his aide Marcus Steinbeck thanked the participants and expressed special gratitude to Tony Patch, head of the Umpire's Assn. of San Francisco and to David Valencia, Vic Cruz and Louis Martinex for their help and cooperation during games.

Rec Center

Basketball

Potrero Hill Recreation Center started its Basketball leagues this month with the Adult team led by Billy Ray Lewis, James Reynolds, Cordis Webb, Danny Luckett and Ron Thompson holding down a 2 - 1 record. Their next game is Dec. 15, and playoffs the week of Dec. 19.

Leagues for the 17 year & under in basketball are held every Sat. at 1 and 2 PM, while the 12 year & under play on Thurs. and Fri. at 4 PM, and the 14 year & under play on Tue. and Wed. at 4 PM.

Girls Basketball

Girls basketball grab-bag tournament will be held on Dec. 28 at Sunset Gym. Girls 17 & under who are interested please see Donna.

Girls Football

Sign-ups are now being taken for girls flag football. Girls 17 & under, see Donna.

Xmas Party

The Rec Center's annual Christmas party and dance will be held on Wednesday night, Dec. 21 from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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